

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council
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Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2014

Planning Council Present: Andrea Caldwell, Paul Griswold (Chair), Etienne Hancock, Yvette Mason, Max Paine & Mark Struhsacker.

Planning Council Absent: Tom Snipp

Staff: None

Guests: Town Administrator Dan Lindley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Discussion: Capital Budget Discussion – The Council resumed the ongoing discussion of how to best coordinate capital expenditures greater than \$500,000 amongst the town, school and village. The Council members spoke about the town and school budget process and at what point during the calendar year capital requests would be in play. The Council discussed if there should be a smaller subcommittee made up of school, town and village representatives that deal with prioritizing capital requests. Member Caldwell suggested simply asking each entity what big-ticket items they saw on the horizon for the next 5 to 7 years. Member Hancock said that if this effort does nothing more than to help these three entities coordinate, that would be a victory. Member Struhsacker echoed Member Caldwell's comments and suggested meeting with each entity to talk about capital needs. The Council also decided that residents of the town, specifically voters, should be polled to see if there are any town or school projects that could be built to enhance the quality of life in Morristown. It was determined that a survey would be conducted and that data would be gathered on the participants, including where they lived, how old they were, if they were Morristown voters and if they were taxpayers. It was further decided that the survey should also ask what existing town or school properties or amenities should be improved or fixed and what kind of new business should come to town. Mr. Thomas said that he would ask for the Planning Council to appear on an upcoming Selectboard agenda, School Board agenda and Village Trustee agenda to discuss capital needs. It was also agreed that an 85 word press-release discussing the survey would be given to member Struhsacker for radio play time once the survey was live throughout town. Member Mason agreed to help Mr. Thomas launch the survey electronically via Survey Monkey.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Caldwell moved to approve the as-revised June 3, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM – submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director